



# Israel IDs missing military personnel in Romania crash

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Romanian gendarmes secure the area on the Bucegi mountains on July 27, 2010 where a Israeli helicopter crashed on the 26th.

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The crash occurred during a joint exercise, the Romanian Defense ministry says

1 Romanian service member and 6 Israelis were on board

The Israeli crew includes four pilots and two mechanics

**Jerusalem (CNN)** -- Israel has identified six military personnel who are missing after an Israeli helicopter crashed in Romania Monday during a joint military exercise.

According to Israel Defense Forces, the Israelis included: Lt. Col. Avner Goldman, Lt. Col. Daniel Shipenbauer, Maj. Yahel Keshet, Maj. Lior Shai, Lt. Nir Lakrif and Sgt. 1st Class Oren Cohen. IDF said the aircraft was carrying four pilots, two mechanics and a member of the Romanian Air Force.

The Israeli CH-53 helicopter went down about 3:20 p.m. (8:20 a.m. ET) Monday, the Romanian Defense ministry said in a statement. Search-and-rescue operations began immediately, using a Romanian medical helicopter and two Israeli helicopters, the statement said.

The wreckage was found a few hours later in the Fundata-Zarnesti area, near Brasov in central Romania, the defense ministry said. The crash site was in a remote area at an altitude of more than 2,000 meters (about 6,560 feet) in the mountains, according to the ministry. Fog prevented helicopters from flying to the site Monday night.

Defense Minister Gabriel Oprea has ordered a commission to the site to investigate the crash, the ministry said.

The exercises, scheduled from July 18 through Thursday, are aimed at training low-altitude aircraft crews in search-and-rescue operations and medical evacuations, according to the statement.

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A CH-53 helicopter made an emergency landing July 18 after experiencing technical problems, the defense ministry said. The problem was fixed, and it took off and landed safely.

Journalist Cosmin Stan contributed to this report.

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**TaniaM** · 3 years ago

Moxooxo - I don't know what gives you idea that these soldiers "hate the government". Contrary to what you may believe, Israeli soldiers - ground, naval and air crew - are highly motivated men and women who are dedicated to protecting the security of their country. They may have differing political opinions to one another, but they certainly don't feel that they are being hoodwinked by the government. If you take a look, you'll see that many of Israel's politicians are former army captains and commanders who know only too well the price this tiny country has to pay for its right to survive.

Other than that, I appreciate the general message of your post.

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**Moxooxo**  TaniaM · 3 years ago

TaniaM my comment was on response to another comment from another user that basically said something as "good kill them one by one" so I was recommending him to hate the governments not the soldiers.. that post was obviously deleted.

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**Moxooxo** · 3 years ago

So far there is no confirmation that they are dead, they are missing. There was a crash they haven't found bodies.. you know those soldiers have families like you and me? Regardless of their political association or country they serve, they follow orders which are given by politicians, hate the governments that safely make the calls and send the soldiers to fight for them.

My life is not worthier than theirs, neither is yours. People dying is never ok.

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 **americanib** → Moxooxo · 3 years ago  
nice comment.  
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 **darfut** · 3 years ago  
How is someone dieing in an accident good news. Your comment could just as easily be read as hatred toward Israel. By the way, weren't those Israeli commandos greeted with clubs and iron pipes by those INNOCENT CIVILIANS aboard the flotilla. Take that garbage somewhere else.  
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**svscnn** · 3 years ago  
Hope it's not true that there were no survivors. If so, condolences to the victims' families.  
  
No offense intended, but it's quite ironic that they went down while conducting search-and-rescue training exercises.  
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**svscnn** → svscnn · 3 years ago  
@Moxooxo: Don't know - I haven't seen any updates either. I was just reacting to elinor14's post below.  
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**Moxooxo** → svscnn · 3 years ago  
Is it confirmed? I havent seen any further updates, last update I heard was they were conducting the search.. Poor guys, rest in peace to all of them.  
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**elinor14** · 3 years ago  
they already found the 7 bodies...  
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